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Continuation of Chemically Enhanced Steam Stripping

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The Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office requests that EG&G begin phase II of the Chemically Enhanced Steam Stripping treatability study which is being conducted at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Phase I results showing nearly 70 percent Pu removal from the soil tested are encouraging. Phase II as envisioned will include a factorial experimental design to investigate the effects of contact time, solution strength and percent solids on the extraction of plutonium. Two leaching solutions will be investigated: 1) citrate-dithionite, and 2) citrate-ascorbate. EG&G should ensure before the test work begins that there is a sufficient quantity of soil on hand at LANL to complete the test work. If you have any questions please contact Norma Castaneda at extension 4226.

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